

# **THE LAST JUDGMENT,**

## **AN ORATORIO,**

**COMPOSED BY LOUIS SPOHR,**

**TO BE PERFORMED**

**On Sunday Evening, March 27th, 1842,**

**AT THE MELODEON.**

**BY THE**



**Handel and Haydn Society,**

**ASSISTED BY**

**MADAM SPOHR ZAHN,**

**DAUGHTER OF THE COMPOSER.**

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 *Performance to commence at 7 o'clock.* 

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### **PART I.**

#### **OVERTURE.**

**CHORUS.** Praise his awful name, who was, and is, and is to come: praise to Him who giveth immortality: all glory and majesty surround his throne. Worship and adore him! Praise! Glory to God!

**SOLO.** Mighty He cometh to judgment; for He shall judge the world in righteousness, and his people with his truth.

**SOLO.** Fear thee not, O man! for thy Redeemer liveth. He that died is risen, and he shall live to all eternity; and he shall reign, and shall conquer all his enemies.

**CHORUS.** Praise his awful name, &c.

**SOLO.** "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience; for my sake thou hast endured affliction. Yet thy first and chiefest duty thou hast forsaken; and thou art fallen from thy high estate. Repent! and return to thy first work. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

**CHORUS.** Praise his awful name, &c.



**SOLO.** "Come up hither, and I will show thee what shall be hereafter."

**RECIT..** And lo! a throne was set in heaven, and on the throne One stood. And a rainbow was round about the throne; and the Elders knelt before the throne, clad in white raiment: and on their heads were crowns of gold: and from the throne came thunderings and lightnings, and voices, crying day and night,

**SOLO AND CHORUS.** "Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! who wast, and who art, and art to come!"

**RECITATIVE.** Behold the Lamb that was slain!

**SOLO.** Weep no more; he that died is risen, and hath conquered Death and Hell.

**RECITATIVE.** And the Elders fell down before the Lamb, with their harps and golden urns bearing odours, singing this song of praise:

**SOLO AND CHORUS.** "All glory to the Lamb that died, exalted now at God's right hand, in blessing and wisdom and honor and praise for ever."

**RECITATIVE.** And every creature that is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, cried aloud and said,

**SOLO AND CHORUS.** "Blessing, honor, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever!"

**RECITATIVE.** And lo! a mighty host of all nations and people stood before the throne and the Lamb. Of spotless white was every garment: in every hand a palm was borne. They fell before the throne of God with holy fear.

**SOLO.** These who passed through heavy tribulation, have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They stand before God's throne, and serve him day and night; and the Lamb shall lead them to fountains of living waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**QUARTETTE.** Yes, every tear and every sorrow the Lord shall wipe away from their eyes: nor sin, nor death, nor pain, nor sorrow shall there be known. He is our God, and we are his people. Hail, our Redeemer! Hail!

**CHORUS.** Lord God of heaven and earth, we adore thee! Blessing and power be thine, our Redeemer! Thou art the Lord our God, and we are thy people. Hail, our Redeemer! Hail!

## PART II.

**SOLO.** Thus saith the Lord, "The end is near, and all the winds of heaven proclaim its coming. Prepare to meet thy God! I will reward thee even as thy works have been, and judge thee as thou hast deserved. To me is every action known: each secret thought is unveiled before me."



**RECITATIVE.** The Day of wrath is near: the Almighty shall reveal his power! The reaper's song is silent in the field, and the shepherd's voice on the mountain. The valleys then shall shake with fear: with dread the hills shall tremble. It comes! the Day of terror comes! The awful morning dawns! Thy mighty arm, O God, is uplifted! Thou shalt shake the earth and the heavens: they shall shrivel as a scroll, when Thou in wrath appearest. For men shall cast away their silver, and count their gold as dross: it shall not save in the great and awful Day! Where is now the monarch's might, where all his splendour, where the dreams of earthly greatness? The princes of the earth shall cast their crowns before Thee: and all the power of the mighty shall fail, when Thou, O Lord, shalt come to judge the world.

**DUET.** Forsake me not in this dread hour, O God most merciful! Thou art my hope, O Lord, give ear unto my prayer! O spare thy servant, and cast him not away! If Thou forsake me, whither shall I flee? No friend is nigh, no arm to save, but only Thou, Almighty Lord of Hosts. In Thee I trust, O Lord; I trust alone in Thee!

**CHORUS.** "If with your whole hearts ye humbly seek me, I will be found of you," saith the Lord: "and if ye return to me sincerely, ye shall be my people:" thus saith the Lord.

**SOLO.** Jehovah now cometh to Judgment! Bow down and worship Him who made the heavens and earth!

**CHORUS.** Destroyed is Babylon the mighty! The smoke of her torment ascendeth for evermore. The hour of Judgment is come! Now is the Lord at hand! The grave gives up its dead: the sea gives up its dead: the seals are broken: the books are now unclosed: the mighty now tremble before Him!

**SYMPHONY.**

**SOLO.** It is ended!

**QUARTETTE AND CHORUS.** Blest are the departed who in the Lord are sleeping, from henceforth for evermore: they rest from their labours, and their works follow them.

**RECITATIVE.** I saw a new heaven and a new earth, by God prepared and adorned as a bride. Lo! the house of God is with men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be his people. Nor sun shall be, nor moon: God is their sun; there shall his majesty unclouded rise. No earthly house is there: God is their temple, and their light.

**SOLO.** Behold! He soon shall come, in his might arrayed, to give to every one according to his works.

**QUARTETTE.** "Then come, Lord Jesus."

**CHORUS.** "Great and wonderful are all thy works, O thou Almighty God! How just and true are all thy commandments, Jehovah, King of Saints!"

**QUARTETTE AND CHORUS.** "O Lord, who shall not fear Thee, who shall not glorify Thee! All nations of the earth shall come and worship before thy throne, for Thou alone art holy."

**CHORUS.** Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore! Hallelujah! Amen!



